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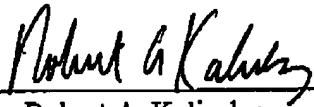
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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 21, 2005, please consider and enter the following amendments and remarks. Claims 1-7, 9, 11-16, 18, and 20 remain pending in the application.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 6 of this paper.